

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Wednesday, September 13, 2000

The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God and Lord of our life, we seek Your guidance that we may live Your life to fullest measure.

Since the time of Sarah and Abraham, Your covenant with Your people has been the model of married life and civic order.

Enable husbands and wives to live in deeper understanding, honoring each other for their words and their goodness.

May all people, especially children, live without fear or intimidation.

Strengthen the bonds of intimacy in American family life that hearts will be converted to lasting values and find joy as they continually uncover love and faithfulness in themselves and in each other.

As the Government of this Nation, let us create an atmosphere of peace which helps family life flourish for generations to come.

You are our source and guide now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FILNER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

LORAL CORPORATION

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, we all remember the fund-raising scandal that the President and the Democrats got themselves into in 1996, foreign money and money laundering. But perhaps the worst part was the apparent influence of the People's Republic of China.

We all remember that the Loral Corporation which leaked sensitive missile data to China was a major Democratic contributor that year.

In fact, Bernard Schwartz, the president and CEO of that company, the largest single contributor to the DNC, was recommended in 1998 as the focus of an independent counsel investigation to find out if there was a connection between donations and technology transfers.

Well, one would think they would learn their lesson. But we found out last week that Mr. Schwartz is again giving huge amounts of money to the Democrats.

FEC reports show that he has given an average of \$40,000 a month to Democrats since January of 1999, most of it in unrestricted soft-money donations.

I call on the Democrats to return these donations until we determine once and for all what his role was in leaking sensitive missile data to the Chinese.

This is not just a matter of ethical conduct. It is a matter of national security.

NO SURPRISE BOB KNIGHT WAS FIRED

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, it is no surprise that Bob Knight was fired.

But think about it. Bob Knight's athletes did not rape women, did not commit murder, did not molest children, did not carry guns, and did not sell drugs.

In fact, Bob Knight's student athletes were most noted for graduating, winning championships, being gentlemen, and exhibiting discipline and respect.

Beam me up.

Bob Knight was a coach, not a guidance counselor or a spiritual leader.

I yield back all those zero-tolerant, overpaid, IUD administrators that Bob Knight should have kicked right in the crotch.

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

(Ms. PRYCE of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I am wearing this gold ribbon today in support of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and to honor young children like my own daughter, Caroline, who have lost their lives to this devastating disease and to show my support for those kids who have survived through their courageous, sometimes years long, submission to painful and isolating treatments.

Leukemia, chemotherapy, lymphoma, neuroblastoma, these are terms no small child should have to pronounce. And instead of the normal third-grade spelling words, my Caroline was proud that she could spell Diflucan and Ativan, just two of the many drugs she had to take every single day.

As millions of kids return to school this September, we put the spotlight on this deadly disease. Two classrooms full of our children every weekday are diagnosed with cancer.

Cancer strikes more children than asthma, diabetes, cystic fibrosis, and AIDS combined. And while the incidence is steadily rising, childhood cancer still remains an underrecognized and underserved disease.

This can change. This must change. This will change.

ELECTRICITY CRISIS IN SAN DIEGO

(Mr. FILNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I just returned from San Diego where earlier this week hearings were held by the Committee on Commerce Subcommittee on Power and Energy yesterday by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on the electricity crisis that is facing San Diego where, in the last 2 or 3 months, prices have doubled and tripled for the average consumer, people have gone out of business not able to pay their bills, a tremendous drain on our economy

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